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Account of an ANCIENT URN *found in the Pariſh of* KILRANELAGH, *in the County of* WICKLOW. *From a Letter written by* THOMAS GREEN, *Eſq. Communicated by the Rev.* WILLIAM HAMILTON, *F. T. C. D. Sec. Com. Antiq.*

IN the year 1785 Mr. Green had occaſion to open a piece of ground near his houſe of Greenville, in the county of Wicklow. At the depth of ſix feet beneath the ſurface, the workmen diſcovered a ſmall encloſure of eight flags; ſix of theſe formed its ſides, and two cloſed in the top and bottom. Within this was placed an earthen vaſe, containing a conſiderable quantity of aſhes and calcined human bones, which was preſented to the Muſeum of Trinity College, Dublin, by Mr. Green.

THE capacity of this urn is equal to ſixteen quarts, and the form of it ſomewhat reſembles the ſegment of an inverted cone. The diameter of its baſe is very ſmall in proportion to its height, and breadth above, as appears by the drawing and annexed ſcale.

Its only ornaments conſiſt in a number of indented jagged lines round its rim, and a rude zig-zag frette on the outſide ſurface.

It has been tolerably well burnt in the fire, in conſequence of which the clay has aſſumed a reddiſh colour.

As the diameter of its rim is not every where preciſely equal, nor the edge accurately ſituated in one and the ſame plane throughout, there is reaſon to ſuppoſe that it has been moulded by the hands of the artiſt, and not regularly turned on a potter's wheel.

A general tradition prevails, though without any preciſe authority for it, that the ground wherein this urn was found had formerly been a place of interment.

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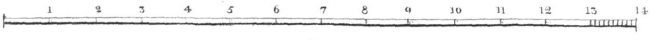

Scale of Inches.